

Roumania. That Japan was included was noted as proving that Austria considers herself at war with the island empire.

The Turkish note was looked for during the night.

The question of a possible armistice grew in interest to-day, as the general feeling that an armistice was not possible in an economic war was discounted in allied circles.

WILLING TO DISCUSS LIMITED UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT

The German embassy to-night authorized the statement that it was certain should representatives of the belligerents meet to discuss peace terms, that one of the most important subjects for discussion would be that of limited universal disarmament. The German view is said to be that any peace would be worthless which did not make unnecessary armament on a scale approaching that which existed before the war.

It was suggested that actual formation, as has been proposed, of some League of nations to enforce peace now, certainly would have the effect of bringing about a limited disarmament. The German Chancellor has said Germany would be glad to enter a league to prevent war.

The German view further is indicated as being generally opposed to international conditions as they have existed in the past, on the ground that such conditions are opposed to the maintenance of peace rather than come due to it.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, planned to-night to visit the State Department to-morrow or Saturday to ascertain, if possible, the view of the United States and at the same time furnish the State Department with any information in its possession it might desire.

EXPENSE OF WAR TO GREAT BRITAIN MOUNTS RAPIDLY

(Continued from First Page) considered necessary regarding Captain Blaikie, who was taken prisoner by the crew of a German submarine after the minelayer had sunk his steamer, the *Caledonia*.

Thomas McNamee, financial under-secretary for the Admiralty, announced that the Admiralty had under earnest consideration the matter of arming merchant ships.

PROLONGED DEMONSTRATION GRIEFS HIS REFERENCE

Bonar Law's reference to German peace proposals was only brief and passing, but the ringing announcement of what was still the policy and determination of the government struck the keynote of the new government's attitude, and aroused a profound demonstration of approval.

The sessions of both the lords and commons were attended with unusual interest as being the first how of the new government, though the absence of Premier Lloyd George through continued illness left the initial scene of the new regime like "Hamlet" without the Dane. Great crowds besieged Westminster for admission, and both chambers showed the galleries filled with eager spectators, and the doors crammed with newly formed political groups.

The House of Commons was the scene of chief interest as here the ministers of the late government, Reginald McKenna, Walter Runciman, Herbert Samuel, Lewis Harcourt and H. J. Tennyson, ranged themselves on the front bench of the opposition, while Andrew Bonar Law, backed by the ministers of the new administration, occupied the bench just vacated by the Asquith ministers across the aisle.

Mr. Asquith like Lloyd George was absent through sickness, but even with the chief figures absent, it was a striking scene of the old and the new regimens facing each other at the crucial moment of the issues over war and peace.

Mr. McKenna's reply from the opposition bench, besides complimenting Bonar Law, referred to the commanding influence of the American dollar as the result of the war.

Bonar Law announced that Parliament would be prorogued on December 22 for a period not yet determined.

EXPORT TRADE EXTENSION DISCUSSED BY SPEAKERS

(Continued from First Page) trying costs would be greatly reduced by shipping in bulk to Panama and reshipping in smaller lots from there to fill the needs of South and Central America.

Daniel W. Sale, president of the Travelers Protective Association of America, told the congress that the country must send out salesmen in order to secure and hold foreign trade, just as salesmen are used at home for developing business.

PAN-AMERICAN UNITE STRONGLY ENDORSED

The doctrine of Pan-American unity, voiced by Dr. J. A. Oliveira Botelho, Red Cross delegate from Brazil, and the commercial possibilities of China, presented by former Mayor D. S. Rose of Milwaukee, featured the opening session of the Congress to-night.

Dr. Botelho received a veritable ovation when he declared that the fleets of the four major Pan-American republics, the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile united and enlarged by the acquisition of new units, are sufficient for the commercial hegemony of the two Americas and they can control their commercial banners triumphantly over the whole world. He urged a league of interests between the four republics to this end.

PROVIDES ADDITIONAL 1,000,000 MEN FOR ARMY

A supplementary estimate issued to-day provides for an additional 1,000,000 men of all ranks for the army service during the present financial year. The original estimate was for 700,000 men.

REV. J. P. KNOX DROPS DEAD

Chaplain of S. C. House of Representatives Expires of Heart Failure While Cranking Auto.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 14.—Rev. J. P. Knox, chaplain of the South Carolina House of Representatives, dropped dead from heart disease while cranking his automobile here to-day. He had been pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church here for seventeen years.

SCHOOL FOR TRAINING OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Will Open March 1 on Plans Formulated at Meeting Yesterday.

MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS

Courses to Be Offered in Social Relief and Family Work, Child Welfare and Social Guardianship and Work Among Negroes.

Plans for the Richmond School of Social Economy, a training school for social work, to be organized immediately and opened March 1, were adopted yesterday afternoon at a conference on training for social work held in the office of the Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women.

The complete outline for the new school was submitted by a committee appointed more than a month ago consisting of Miss Virginia S. McKenney, chairman; Mayor George Ainslie, Dr. J. T. Martin, Justice J. Hoge Ricks, Dr. James Buchanan, Father Charles H. Vaughan, Rev. H. D. C. Maclellan, Dr. D. W. F. Rudd, Dr. James H. Smith, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, Miss Orie L. Hatchett, Miss Agnes D. Randolph, Dean May L. Keller, Miss Anna Petersen, Miss Nannie V. Minor, Miss Sarah Roller, Miss Katharine H. Hawes and Mrs. W. S. McNeil.

Although the location of the school has not been determined, offers have been received from the Virginia Mechanics Institute, the Seventh Street Christian church and the Presbyterian Committee of Publication for the use of their buildings in the aftermath.

Courses will be offered in the general subjects of social relief and family work, child welfare and social guardianship, public health and medical social service, and special work among negroes.

PRACTICAL FIELD WORK IN VARIOUS CLASSES

PRACTICAL field work will be offered in various classes of social work, including carried on in Richmond under the direction of expert leaders. Special lectures will be given by acknowledged authorities. Co-operating with the new school will be the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond College, the Presbyterian School for Lay Workers and the Young Women's Christian Association.

After the first term, which will begin March 1 and end June 1, the school will have a full eight months session. Two years will be required to finish the course in any particular line. Tuition will be \$10 a year, and six tuition scholarships will be established.

The school will be governed by a board of directors composed of twenty-five persons, one-third to one-half of whom are to be specialists in some line of social work, and the remainder intelligent, public-spirited laymen, in sympathy with the purposes of the undertaking. An executive committee, consisting of five members of the board of directors, will take charge of the most intimate and immediate concerns of the school. To nominate these directors and prepare a charter for the government of the school, a committee was appointed yesterday to report Tuesday, consisting of Miss Orie L. Hatchett, Miss Virginia McKenney, Miss Katherine H. Hawes, Miss Agnes D. Randolph and Rev. J. S. Scherer, Jr.

WILL NOT SACRIFICE STANDARDS OF SCHOOLS

The following resolution was adopted:

"That the board of directors see to it that the academic standard of the school and the quality of its work be such as to put the graduates of the school in the same rank with the students of similar schools elsewhere, and enable the students of the school to receive academic credit in other schools, and that the quality of work done by the school may be up to a fixed standard, even though the number of courses offered should have to be less on that account for some time to come."

The following is the schedule of courses and instructors:

Elements of sociology, E. L. Ackles; elements of economics, Dr. D. R. Anderson; Richmond College and the Richmond Medical College of delinquency, Dr. W. H. Higgins; Medical College of Virginia, feeble-mindedness and delinquency and heredity and eugenics, Miss Petersen; superintendent, Kilburn Farm; the Juvenile Court, Justice Ricks; Richmond Juvenile Court; the and the budget; Miss Mary Lancaster Smith, educational secretary of Young Women's Christian Association; the church and society (this course to be taught by the church); three courses to be taught by three clergymen, such as Dr. Maclellan, Rev. H. D. Vaughan and Dr. Bowes; and its contributions designed to various competent persons, both clergymen and laymen; playground and recreational workers' course, S. G. Jones; physical instructor Richmond public schools; Medical college courses; Public health work, its history and function, Dr. Elton Williams; biology, lectures on laboratory work, A. H. Strange; bacteriology, A. H. Strange; public hygiene, comprising interpretation and compilation of statistics on mortality, in Levy school inspection work, rural sanitation and tuberculosis work, Dr. Flanagan or Dr. Ernest English composition, public speaking and publicity, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman.

SNOW IS FORECAST

Weather Bureau Predicts White Covering To-Day, With Colder Weather To-Morrow.

The bitterly cold weather of the last two days is to be followed by snow according to the forecast of the Weather Bureau, which has been busy investigating by the signs of the zodiac and numerous other sources the source of the recent chilly blasts. The investigators and observers realize that it is the season for snow, and they are preparing the public for its reception by issuing a warning prophecy. The snow, it is predicted, will come to-day, so it is well to be warned beforehand. Last night and night before the mercury dropped below freezing point, and below zero was felt uniformly, to the great delight of their creators. Imagination may serve to tell the story of those who were protected by hardly more than a shirt and a worn-out pair of shoes. The weather adds to the problem of the high cost of living.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—One lady's small gold wrist watch on black ribbon between Monument and Jefferson Avenues and the Lyric Theater. Reward of \$100. Call The Times-Dispatch.

DEATHS

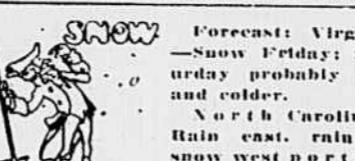
GREGORY died at the residence of her son-in-law, W. C. G. Gandy, 1110 Main Street, on Thursday, December 14, at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary GREGORY, widow of Dr. Thomas L. Gandy of Blenheim, Hanover County, Va., in her eightieth year of her age.

To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Community Christmas Tree Committee News Leader Building, 4 Virginia Chemists' Club, University Club, 8:30 o'clock. Matthew Ponting Maury Association, Hotel, 11:30 o'clock. Academy—Kirkland, 8:30. Bijou—Step lively, 7:30 and 9.

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)



FORECAST: VIRGINIA

Snow Friday; Saturday probably fair and colder.

NORTH CAROLINA

Main east, rain or snow west port Friday; Saturday fair and colder.

Local Temperature.

3 P. M. temperature.....

Maximum temperature to 8 P. M.

Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.

Normal temperature for this date.....

Deficiency in temperature.....

Excess in temperature.....

Accumulated deficiency since January 1.....

Local Rainfall.

Rainfall, 24 hours ending 8 P. M.

Deficiency in rainfall since March.....

Deficiency in rainfall since January 1.....

General Observations at S. P. M.

Temperature, 50; humidity, 51; wind, state of weather, cloudy.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place..... S. P. M. High Low Weather.

Asheville..... 28 34 11 Snow.

Atlanta..... 40 24 Rain.

Baltimore..... 23 37 23 Cloudy.

Buffalo..... 12 20 18 Cloudy.

Charleston..... 12 36 33 Cloudy.

Chicago..... 14 28 18 Clear.

Denver..... 23 28 18 Clear.

Duluth..... 16 26 18 Clear.

Easton..... 46 76 60 Cloudy.

Jacksonville..... 11 19 10 Cloudy.

Kansas City..... 11 19 10 Cloudy.

Louisville..... 22 34 19 Snow.

New Orleans..... 68 85 36 Rain.

New York..... 26 32 24 Clear.

Norfolk..... 26 36 24 Cloudy.

Pittsburgh..... 26 32 22 10 Cloudy.

Portland..... 34 28 20 Cloudy.

Raleigh..... 16 28 18 Cloudy.

St. Paul..... 18 28 18 Cloudy.

San Francisco..... 53 66 46 Clear.

Savannah..... 45 68 33 Cloudy.

Seattle..... 14 29 22 Clear.

Washington..... 20 28 8 Cloudy.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 15, 1915. HIGH TIDE.

Sun rises..... 7:20 Morning..... 8:55 Evening..... 8:25

FRANCE BANISHES LIQUOR TRAFFIC

(Continued from First Page.)

Want, it is said by our enemies, to give our people all the means to prosper that they can desire. Others are offered as alms a consent not to annihilate them. After the Marne, at Verdun, France, France resisting firmly, is offered this. Such a document must be thoroughly mediated upon to see toward what objects it tends."

There was loud applause at these words, and Deputy Thierry-Cazes pointed: "The country thinks as you do." Premier Briand then concluded:

"From this restrain I must say that there is a maneuver to separate the allies, disturb the conscience and demoralize the people of the French Republic. In circumstances such as these we will not do less than the convention."

There was a pause, and then a long silence.

She is survived by one brother, O. B. Smith, and three sisters, Mrs. William Mitchell, Mrs. William H. Bright and Miss Ida Smith.

MISS LOUISE SMITH.

BEDFORD CITY, December 14.—Miss Louise Smith, daughter of the late Dr. Irvin Smith, died at her home on Lexington Avenue, on Wednesday morning. She was born in Marion, Ind., but came with her family to Bedford City when quite young, and had spent all of her life since that time here. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her funeral will be conducted from the home on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Grey.

She is survived by one brother, O. B. Smith, and three sisters, Mrs. William Mitchell, Mrs. William H. Bright and Miss Ida Smith.

HARDING Explains Federal Reserve Board's Recent Warning to American Bankers.

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—An explanation of the Federal Reserve Board's recent warning to American bankers against locking up their money in foreign treasury bills which was made in speech here to-night by W. P. G. Harding, governor of the board, who reiterated the declaration that there was no intention to reflect upon the credit of any nation. Soon after the board's statement appeared, short term British treasury bills which had been offered for sale in this country were withdrawn. Mr. Harding spoke before the Boston Club.

"I know," he said, "that there has been criticism of the board's action in making this statement, which has been given a significance neither justified nor intended in its reference to investors."

In my opinion, what the board had in mind when it made the brief reference to investors was simply this: American investors have for many years been accustomed to buying industrial securities—railroad obligations—to a great extent. In dealing with these securities certain well-established rules have been developed.